

Examples of a good journalism are truly rare among the Croatian media. Like a flowers of an exceptional beauty growing scarcely in the desert of a mediocre.

What they refer to as an intellectual is the person who obtained a respective faculty degree and is certified by the state or an appointed guild. Otherwise, nada. I am ignored. I am discredited by every means.

What they call a critique is an unsubstantiated babbling always missing the core of the subject, dealing only with an exterior, a form.

They think vulgar is satire.

Typically, the state is only interested with a state not the content of an issue. Same is with a mainstream media because it is just a mere reflection of the politics.

Let us be reminded of the semantics.

Intellectual: well read thinker who proposes solutions, either general or particular, for an improvement of the society or specific part of it. Term comes from a Latin "intelligere" meaning "to understand". Therefore, an intellectual can be referred to as "the one who understands".

Criticism: comes from Old Greek κριτική (kritikē), via French "critique", meaning "discerning by a judgment".

Satire: a style of an art using irony and sarcasm to make people laugh.

Often I hear people who have chosen to stay uneducated, unread and uninformed yelling at me, talking without pause, imposing their unsubstantiated opinion(s), completely missing the point, discussing things they know nothing about, reversing my statements or simply refusing to listen my side by preventing me from an equal involvement in the conversation which turns into their private monologue.

Their primitive vocabulary: 1) "raping brain" is used instead of reading, learning and thinking terms, 2) vaccine = "Devil's poison", 3) vaccination = "contamination", 4) pharmaceutical companies and pharmacy = "murderers of an innocent babies", 5) those who received Covid-19 vaccine are called "infected", 6) "to see a naked pussy" = witness God, 7) to speak foreign languages = "excrement with mouth", 8) those who do not share their barbaric customs are referred to as "stray dogs", etc.

They avoid certain hygiene practices, like washing hands after the toilet, because they invoke their right to be emancipated of any such obligation. They say "we are free men and refuse to wash our hands".

They hold public religious meetings and prayers. They kneel on the main square. They have the need to be seen when praying. Well, they just exercise a freedom of speech and expression in their own way. It is a performance of sort showing publicly how they worship.

They follow me, intrude my privacy and provoke me on regular basis. Unless I stay at my home behind a closed door. Even then they often pass in front of my house and observe. Anything that is suspicious to their fundamentalistic mind is immediately reported around the local congregation and beyond.

Those "educated, read and informed" mediocrities after firing several cheap shots soon start with their usual rhetorics, followed by primitive insults and open acts of aggression ignited by an opposite view challenging not the truth or the method but solely their selfish ego claiming that they are always right.

Well, there is a comfort: many great minds have been misunderstood by their contemporaries. Many great artists have waited, some even after they died, for their work to be discovered post-mortem. I guess, better ever than never.

The purpose of the press is to inform a general public about actual matters of concern, in a serious manner, discuss important questions with political representatives and field experts, respecting the priority of topics, and educate an audience during the process.

Croatian mainstream media has failed in all three categories (inform, discuss, educate). Quality sum total of the news coverage is of such a miserable percentage that is not worth mentioning. I personally rate it below 20%. For comparison, I rate specific world media portals between 50% and 70%. I place my own Journal, currently, at 80%. With a little financial investment it would be near 100%, almost perfect.

Croatian journalism is full of an idle politics, commercials and particular sport events - the ones where large sums of money are involved. Science is less than 1%, education less than 1%, ethics less than 1%, art less than 1%. Tell me how much such a press contributes to the development of a society? People are becoming more and more dull with each passing day.

Main motives are sensationalism, defamation and agitation. Croatian press flutes to low passions only. It can be compared to the medieval witch-hunt. Immediately the flames of passion get weaker media finds a new temporary attraction to satisfy the gaping jaws of a public opinion.

One of the reasons I started my own scientific journal was to enrich the global, collective mindset. I see my role as an enlightener, philosopher. Community is desperate and mentally loosened making a fertile ground for religious fundamentalism, exaggerated nationalism, radicalism and even physical assaults directed against life and health of an innocent and unprotected civilians engaged in political activism or independent journalism, directed against the human rights and freedom(s), directed against literacy, against the common sense, the mind itself.

Haruki Murakami, famous Japanese writer, properly observed that "if you only read books which everyone else is reading - you can only think what everyone else is thinking". It seems that everyone here, both in state and media, reads the same book over and over again until it becomes worn-out. Yet, mediocrities love to repeat sound, catchy phrases. They are an echo of a

clichés. Common folks? They haven't read a single serious book in entire lifetime. Not even a serious website. Their usual justification is "we don't have time because we work". Then they sit for hours in front of a tv or in a local bar.

World media is not perfect. There were free press exists since there are countries which promote strict censorship like China, North Korea, Iran and, unfortunately, many more. If we strive toward an open, free-minded global society this anomalies should be straightened.

Killian files affair occurred in 2004. when CBS reporter Dan Rather, in a midst of the presidential election, made public unauthenticated documents, bare faxes and photocopies, related to the George W. Bush army service. Consequently, six (6) people: CBS News producer, "60 Minutes Wednesday" Executive Producer and his deputy, Senior Broadcast Producer, Senior Vice President and reporter received "dishonorable discharge", in accordance to their contracts respectively.

After esteemed dr. Carl Gustav Jung book "Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies" was published in 1959. world press regarded him as UFO believer. What a nonsense, said Jung himself, obviously not a single journalist has actually read the book. Well, I have and Jung is right. He is a scientist, for God's sake, regular sceptic, empiricist, deep thinker,... An intellectual. Media declared him to be everything he was not.

This two examples clearly show how global journalism is not infallible.

It is not.

But the response mechanisms work to compensate. Before all else among the media itself which corrects its colleagues when found necessary.

I checked Croatian news association court of conduct records finding that no mainstream journalist was ever punished for any serious error which is in total discrepancy with a poor quality of their work. I will give one out of many negative examples: woman journalist, employed at the Croatian National Television, wrote several articles, published in a different press releases, accusing social services and a particular judge of being corrupted.

Accidentally, I knew that judge. He regularly stayed on work after job hours were over. His personal efforts were notable. Indeed a respected fellow of our work organization. Later he advanced and we haven't been in a contact since. Subsequently, it turned out that the woman journalist had direct private interest in the subject and that her allegations were malevolent, wrong, fabricated. She used her position of a journalist to write subjective, inaccurate, abusive articles. She wasn't punished. Nothing happened. Life went on.

What "Charlie Hebdo", a French satirical magazine, did offend certain people. In West, we have court decisions, financial compensations and legal right to seek a denial. You can even write or draw something in return. You can organise a protest rally. You can held a debate. Using an extreme violence is a bad choice. Militant jihadists killed 17 people in Paris shooting with an assault rifles. Very bad choice. It shows that you are emotionally unstable, intellectualy immature, overly aggresive, not fitting (eligible) to live in a free, polite, civilized world where disputes are solved by legal means solely. It actually confirms what you wanted to disprove. Be ashamed. In situations like this I always remember the Boston Marathon bombing. Marathon, the place of multiculturalism, of racial, ethnical and religious diversity, shrine of the benevolence and joy - bombed, desecrated. What excuse they have for Boston? Don`t just be ashamed... Be utterly ashamed.

Jacques Chirac made certain statements regarding the "Hebdo incident". Mild reaction more serving to justify the terror than to condemn the attackers. His successor, president Sarkozy, wrote an open letter expressing his support for a French tradition of satire. This is an appropriate stance.

The sole fact that (ex) militant jihadists freely drive around European Union having at their disposal AK47s, Tokarev pistols, Scorpion submachine guns and VZ 58`s (Czechoslovakian 7.62x39mm assault rifle resembling AK47) is inconceivable to me. What are the security services doing? Don`t tell me, I`ll try to guess. Spying political activists and journalists?

Burning books is an especially crude misdeed. Although many examples can be found the most infamous, due to the substantial recordings of an event left behind, is certainly a 1933. destruction of all non-German works carried out by the Nazi authorities. The most extent extermination occurred in 2003. in Baghdad, Iraq, at National Library and Archive. Before that in 1258. executed by Mongol horde and its allies when Baghdad was burned to the ground. More insanity happened in 2012. when al-Qaida affiliates burned the library in Timbuktu, Mali, and in 2015. when ISIS burned books at Mosul's library, Iraq. Biggest urban fires ever were probably those of Alexandria, in 48. BCE, and of Rome, in 64. CE, which destroyed most of a city.

As Voltaire said "the right to a free speech is more important than the content of it", I stand for the freedom of speech and expression without any, I emphasize this "without any", censorship at all except when presented is direct or indirect call for a violence of any kind.

If nothing else it can certainly help medical experts to detect a sociopathic behaviour before it turns into an act of terrorism.

And yes, I am Charlie.

Je suis Charlie.